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SUBJ: DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING JUNE 14, 1974: AGENDA ITEM VII,
SPECIALIZATION OF DEFENSE TASKS

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BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM ON SPECIALIZATION
OF DEFENSE TASKS, NETHERLANDS PERMREP (HARTOGH) MADE
STATEMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTING US MATRIX APPROACH. HE RECOMMENDED
THE REPORT UNDER CONSIDERATION BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF USBGROUPS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF SPECIALIZATION;
MINISTERS APPROVED THIS RECOMMENDATION. SECDEF REP (ELLSWORTH)
REPORTED THAT US WILL SUBMIT THIS MONTH A DETAILED MATRIX
FOR STUDY AND ASKED MINISTERS TO GIVE THIS ISSUE THEIR
PERSONAL ATTENTION. END SUMMARY.
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1. NETHERLANDS PERMREP (HARGOGH), SPEAKING FOR HIS DEFENSE
MINISTER, LED OFF DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM BY MAKING
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT. BEGIN TEXT:

THE REPORT ON THE SPECIALIZATION STUDY NOW BEFORE US DOES NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MOMENTUM IN THE SPECIALIZATION STUDY HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY MAINTAINED SINCE THE SUBJECT WAS LAST DISCUSSED IN DECEMBER.

I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT WAYS AND MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO APPLY OUR DEFENSE RESOURCES IN A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY.

THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THAT IN MOST COUNTRIES PRESSURES TO DECREASE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES WILL CONTINUE, TO SAY THE LEAST.

ONEWAY--IF NOT THE ONLY WAY--TO OVERCOME THESE PRESSURES IS TO ARRIVE AT AN OPTIMUM ALLOCATION OF DEFENSE RESOURCES.

ONE OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT IS THAT NATIONAL POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SENSITIVITIES HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WE DO NOT DISPUTE THAT STATEMENT, BUT WE SHOULD ADD THAT IT IS UP TO US TO BREAK THROUGH THAT BARRIER OF SENSITIVITIES BY EXERTING OUR POLITICAL WILL.

UNFORTUNATELY THE IMPRESSION EXISTS THAT SO FAR ONLY AREAS FOR STUDY HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD IN WHICH COUNTRIES AND MORE IN PARTICULAR MY OWN COUNTRY ARE USING THE CONCEPT OF SPECIALIZATION TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM CERTAIN TASKS. MY GOVERNMENT WANTS TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE THAT THIS IS NOT THE NETHERLANDS' INTENTION. WITHOUT GIVING SPECIFIC EXAMPLES HERE AND NOW, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE WILLING TO EXPAND OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE IN FIELDS WHERE THE NETHERLANDS IS PARTICULARLY QUALIFIED.

IN PUTTING FORWARD HIS IDEAS ON SPECIALIZATION A YEAR AGO MINISTER VREDELING SIMPLY WANTED TO BRING HOME THAT IT IS HIS DEEP CONVICTION THAT COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY THE SMALLER ONES CANNOT MEET THE EVER INCREASING COSTS OF MAINTAINING THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF DEFENSE TASKS. IF SPECIALIZATION, STANDARDIZATION AND GENERALLY SPEAKING A BETTER
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INTEGRATION OF OUR WESTERN EUROPEAN DEFENSE IN THE ALLIANCE DOESN'T TAKE PLACE, THIS WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE REAL OUTPUT OF OUR DEFENSE EFFORT.

THE QUESTION CAN BE RAISED IF AND FOR HOW LONG COUNTRIES WITH IMPORTANT DEFENSE INDUSTRIES OF THEIR OWN WILL ALLOW THE PRESENT SITUATION TO CONTINUE, IN WHICH THROUGH LACK OF STANDARDIZATION AND INTEGRATION UNIT COSTS OF EQUIPMENT BECOME SKY HIGH.

IF THESE COUNTRIES FAIL TO COME TO TERMS WITH EACH OTHER, WHY SHOULD THE OTHER--SMALLER--COUNTRIES BE REQUIRED TO PICK UP THE BILL? THE SITUATION AROUND THE LRMP (LONG RANGE MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT) WHERE 4 DIFFERENT

SYSTEMS ARE ON THE MARKET OR BEING DEVELOPED IS A STRIKING EXAMPLE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE US IDEA OF BUILDING UP A MATRIX FOR THE READJUSTMENT OF DEFENSE TASKS AS PRESENTED TO THE EWG FEBRUARY LAST HAS GREAT MERIT AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT IT GETS SO MUCH ATTENTION IN THE REPORT BEFORE US.

IT APPEALS TO US IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE IT COMBINES A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH WITH CLEAR ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES AND THIS GENERAL APPROACH COULD WELL BE APPLIED TO SPECIFIC TASKS AND WEAPON SYSTEMS.

IN ORDER TO INJECT MORE SYSTEM AND URGENCY IN THE SPECIALIZATION STUDIES THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY.

IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE PRECIOUS TIME THIS SYSTEMATIC STUDY SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CONCRETE APPROACH OF SETTING UP SPECIAL SUBGROUPS FOR THE STUDY OF SPECIFIC ITEMS. WE FOR OUR PART WOULD BE QUITE PREPARED TO TACKLE ITEMS MENTIONED BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION IN THE US PAPER AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SUBJECT WHICH COUNTRIES CONSIDER SUITABLE FOR SPECIALIZATION. THE US WAY OF THINKING SHOULD BE PURSUED AND WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A STUDY IN DEPTH OF THE AMERICAN IDEA.

FINALLY, WHILE I CAN AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
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THE REPORT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY OF THE STUDY, A SUBPARAGRAPH SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, FOR EXAMPLE READING AS FOLLOWS: "MINISTERS INVITE THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE STUDY AS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 6 AND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBGROUPS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF SPECIALIZATION. END TEXT.

2. SECDEF REP (ELLSWORTH) EXPRESSED THE US BELIEF THAT RATIONALIZATION IN NATO IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE NETHERLANDS STATEMENT. HE REPORTED THAT THIS US WILL SUBMIT THIS MONTH A DETAILED MATRIX TO THE EWG FOR ITS STUDY AND FOR NATIONAL REVIEW AND ASKED MINISTERS TO GIVE PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THE STUDY OF RATIONALIZATION. IN THIS REGARD, HE ADDED, MINISTERS SHOULD ASSIGN SOME OF THEIR MOST TALENTED STAFF OFFICERS TO THIS PROJECT. LASTLY, ELLSWORTH POINTED OUT THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF RATIONALIZATION IS NOT TO REDUCE SPENDING BUT TO PRODUCE MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT FORCES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE.

3. IN CONCLUDING DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM, SYG LUNS GAINED APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTERS TO AMEND THE RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION OF THE SPECIALIZATION REPORT (DPC/D(74)13) AS SUGGESTED BY THE NETHERLANDS. MCAULIFTE

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